

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Vocational Training to Differently Abled
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- a) whether a Vocational Training Institute is proposed to be started under the chairmanship of the District Collectors, along with elected MPs of every State to provide Self Employment Training Programmes in various skills for stabled income generation to the differently abled persons through the Nodal Executing Authority, the District Differently Abled Rehabilitation Officer; and
b) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken to facilitate self employment to differently abled persons in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI SHRI KRISHNA PAL GURJAR)

(a) & (b): In order to provide employable skills to Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), vocational training is being provided to them in the following manners:-

- i) Vocational Training Centres (VTCs) run by various training organisations under the scheme of Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme (DDRS).
- ii) Skill Training programme is being conducted by National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation (NHFDC), a Public Sector Undertaking and seven National Institutes under the administrative control of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.
- iii) 21 Vocational Rehabilitation Centres (VRCs) under the administrative control of Ministry of Labour and Employment located at various parts of the country.
- iv) The National Action Plan (NAP) for skill development of Persons with Disabilities has been launched by Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities in collaboration with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in the year 2015. The NAP sets a target of skilling of one lakh PwDs in the year 2015-16 through a cluster of empanelled training partners from Government and private sectors.
